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Press Release

The Yolo Superior Court will hold a court proceeding and formal ceremony on March 17, 2009 for graduates of the Court's Felony Probation Drug Court. The ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 4 of the Courthouse located at 725 Court Street in Woodland.

Judge Samuel T. McAdam will preside over the ceremony. Since January 2009, Judge McAdam has been assigned to the Court's drug court and domestic violence review calendar.

The Felony Probation Drug Court has been operating in Yolo County since 1999. The adult drug court is for prison bound defendants who have been convicted of non-violent crimes and have significant drug/alcohol addictions. It offers criminal defendants an opportunity to be successful in treatment instead of going to state prison.

Five men are scheduled to graduate Tuesday, saving taxpayers \$794,776. The savings is based on the annual cost of \$35,587 for incarceration as determined by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Collectively, the five men were subject to suspended sentences totaling over 22 years in state prison.

All graduates have successfully completed intensive local treatment programs, have a minimum of one year sobriety, are gainfully employed, have committed no new crimes, and have satisfied all other Felony Probation Drug Court requirements.

According to Florence Gainor, the program's Drug Court Coordinator, "This successful program reflects a strong collaboration between local governmental agencies and treatment providers to make a real difference in people's lives." Representatives from these agencies and providers will attend the ceremony to offer their congratulations to the graduates.

"The graduates have become productive and responsible members of the community who have turned their lives around through hard work and dedication," Gainor added.

"Over the years, the Felony Probation Drug Court program has provided treatment and drug rehabilitation to dozens of local residents, has enabled them to reconnect with their families and communities, has saved taxpayers millions of dollars in prison costs, and has allowed these folks to get jobs, earn money, pay their own taxes, and become productive members of society," said Presiding Superior Court Judge David Rosenberg. "It's a win-win-win scenario all around."